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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2268**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana**

February 22, 2006

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An act to add Section 7149.6 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2268, as amended, Saldana. Sportfishing: licenses: sportfishing day trips.

Existing law requires every person over the age of 16 years who takes any fish, reptile, or amphibia for any purpose other than profit to first obtain a license for that purpose and to have that license on his or her person or in his or her immediate possession when engaged in carrying out any activity authorized by the license, as provided. Existing law provides for specified exceptions to the license requirement, including a provision permitting the Director of Fish and Game to designate specified days in each year as free sportfishing days during which residents and nonresidents may, without having a sportfishing license and without the payment of any fee, exercise the privileges of a holder of a sportfishing license. Existing law also requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a reduced fee sportfishing license to specified applicants, including, but not limited to, disabled veterans having a 50% or greater service-connected disability if certain requirements are met.

This bill would provide that any current ~~member of the National Guard who is currently receiving medical treatment as a result of service~~ *active duty member of the military who is currently receiving*

*inpatient medical care in a military or Veterans Administration hospital, and any resident or nonresident service-connected disabled veteran, as defined, may, without having a sportfishing license and without the payment of any fee, exercise the privileges of a holder of a sportfishing license for the duration of a sportfishing day trip operated by a nonprofit organization organized for the purpose of providing recreational rehabilitation therapy for disabled veterans, subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, conditions, laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the holder of a sportfishing license.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 7149.6 is added to the Fish and Game  
2 Code, to read:

3 7149.6. (a) Notwithstanding Section 7145, any current  
4 ~~member of the National Guard who is currently receiving~~  
5 ~~medical treatment as a result of National Guard service, and any~~  
6 *active duty member of the military who is currently receiving*  
7 *inpatient medical care in a military or Veterans Administration*  
8 *hospital, and any resident or nonresident service-connected*  
9 disabled veteran, may, without having a sportfishing license and  
10 without the payment of any fee, exercise the privileges of a  
11 holder of a sportfishing license for the duration of a sportfishing  
12 day trip operated by a nonprofit organization organized for the  
13 purpose of providing recreational rehabilitation therapy for  
14 disabled veterans, subject to all of the limitations, restrictions,  
15 conditions, laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the holder  
16 of a sportfishing license.

17 (b) For the purposes of this section ~~“disabled veteran” means a~~  
18 ~~person who served in the active military, naval, or air service of~~  
19 ~~the United States, who was discharged or released under~~  
20 ~~conditions other than dishonorable, and who has a disability that~~  
21 ~~was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active~~  
22 ~~military, naval, or air service of the United States.~~  
23 *“service-connected disabled veteran” means a veteran, as*  
24 *defined in paragraph (2) of Section 101 of Title 38 of the United*  
25 *States Code, with a disability that is service-connected, as*

- 1 *defined in paragraph (16) of Section 101 of Title 38 of the United*
- 2 *States Code.*

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